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The Parables of the Old Testament.

The Parables of the Old Testament. By Alfred Barry, D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of Sydney, and Primate of Australia and Tasmania. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. New York: E. & J. B. Young & Co., 12mo., pp. 264. Price, \$1.75.

After discussing the general idea of the parable, its connection with mysticism and analogy, its various phases, the limitation and main purpose of parabolic teaching, the writer classifies the Old Testament parables as (1) parables of narrative, e. g. that of Nathan, and that of the Lord's vineyard in Isaiah; (2) riddles and symbolic visions; (3) proverbs; (4) figurative poetry, e. g. the parables of Balaam.

In eight chapters these various forms are treated, one by one, in a manner quite interesting and suggestive. No attempt is made in the direction of critical work, the author giving himself rather to the rhetorical form and the religious teaching of the particular passages. It is such treatment of special features of the sacred Scriptures that will lead us to an appreciation of its wonderful breadth and beauty. This book is not a great book, but it will help many to see in the Bible what, probably, they have before seen in it. The spirit is very conservative and temperate.